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SUBJ: REPATRIATION: STATUS OF FORMER EAST PAK CIVIL ARMED FORCES  
PERSONNEL

REF: ISLAMABAD 2795

1. DURING EMBOFF MARCH 18 CALL ON ICRC ISLAMABAD CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN (REFTEL), LATTER CLAIMED THAT STATUS OF FORMER MEMBERS OF EAST PAKISTAN CIVIL ARMED FORCES (EPCAF) IN REPATRIATION PROCESS WAS IN DOUBT. ICRC HAD RECOMMENDED TO GOP THAT THEY BE CONSIDERED POW'S AND SENT TO PAKISTAN THROUGH THAT CHANNEL, HE SAID, BUT GOP HAD REFUSED (ISLAMABAD 0856). SUBSEQUENTLY, HE CONTINUED, EPCAF PERSONNEL HAD REGISTERED WITH ICRC AS FORMER CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SERVANTS UNDER SECOND CATEGORY DELHI AGREEMENT BUT HAD BEEN DENIED THAT STATUS BY BOP, WHICH CLAIMS THAT HARDSHIP CATEGORY WAS DESIGNED TO COVER THEM.

2. MARTIN SAID HE FELT TREATMENT OF EPCAF BY GOI AND  
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BDG HAD BEEN QUITE ARBITRARY AND INHUMANE. OF THOSE EPCAF

MEMBERS WHO HAD SURRENDERED TO INDIAN FORCES, SOME  
HAD BEEN PUT IN LOCAL JAILS AND OTHERS TAKEN TO INDIAN  
POW CAMPS WITH THE PAK POW'S. OF THOSE TAKEN TO INDIA,  
SOME HAD BEEN RETURNED TO BANGLADESH WHILE OTHERS WERE  
NOW BEING REPATRIATED TO PAKISTAN AS POW'S. THUS MEN  
IN SAME EPCAF UNITS WERE BEING GIVEN DIFFERENT TREATMENT--  
THE LUCKY ONES WERE THOSE LOADED ON THE POW REPATRIATION  
TRAINS COMING TO WAGAH/ATTARI BORDER; THE UNLUCKY ONES  
WERE LIKELY TO REMAIN IN BENGALIEE JAILS.  
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